

Calvary Family News

October 2026

Wonder and Awe

A Psalm of David

1 O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

**2 Out of the mouth of babies and infants,
you have established strength because of your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.**

**3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,**

**4 what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?**

**5 Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.**

**6 You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under his feet,**

7 all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

**8 the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

9 O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Psalm 8

When I was a Cub Scout maaany years ago, one of the things we studied was the stars and the constellations. I was fascinated by the fact that those little points of light that twinkle up in the sky are actually gigantic balls of fire floating around and burning in outer space. And those are just the 6,000 or so that are “close by” and we can see with the naked eye. When we get to discussing the galaxies and stars that astronomers have found so far, the numbers get ridiculously large. We’re talking trillions multiplied by billions. And the size, shapes, and colors of these galaxies (and other space stuff) are beautiful and so different.

And God just spoke them into existence. That’s all it took. At one point, there was nothing then, all of a sudden God spoke and it all came into being. The Lord’s creativity is so vast and amazing, yet there is only one thing that the Bible says He made in His own image: People! That makes us important to the creator of the universe, but only because He has given us that value.

So, the next time you go outside at night, look up and think about the one who threw all of those stars into place, and remember how much more vast the universe really is, and that the Lord made it all with no effort at all. Then remember what He went through to save us from our sin and worship Him with Wonder and Awe.

In His Love,

Pastor Karl



October Birthdays

- 5th Carla Morrison
 Marek Kmiec
 7th Camp Elkanah Turns 70
 9th Norma Hays
 12th Glenn Urquhart
 24th Janice Haskell
 29th Teo Urquhart

CAMP ELKANAH

**EASTERN OREGON
MEN'S
ROUND-UP**

ADMISSION:
\$35 ADULT
\$15 UNDER 18
(WITH PAID ADULT)

**STEAK FELLOWSHIP
SHOTGUNS
CORNHOLE
PICKLEBALL**

ALL ARE INVITED!

REGISTER NOW!
 CAMP ELKANAH.COM

OCTOBER 17TH

EVENT TIME	LOCATION
9^{AM} 4:30^{PM}	CAMP ELKANAH 49504 HIGHWAY 244, LA GRANDE, OR 97850

EO Men's RoundUp will be Saturday, October 17th, from 9 am – 4:30 pm. Lots of thing to have fun doing and eating—steak, pickleball, shotguns, Cornhole, they are doing Online Registration to make sure that you have a good meal and enjoy the events.

4th Quartet Business Meeting
 Will be right after
 Our Worship Time
 Sunday, Oct. 25th.
 A quick time to
 review last year's
 expenses.
 Hope to see you there!



**FALL
FAMILY
WORKDAY**

10 OCTOBER, 10AM-3PM

PROJECTS FOR ALL AGES & SKILL LEVELS!
 PANCAKE MEAL PROVIDED!

49504 Highway 244, La Grande, OR 97850

Pancake Lunch, (Yum!) during
Camp Elkanah's Fall Workday,
 from 10 am – 3 pm, Sat., October 10th.
 They will have jobs for all abilities and ages
 up at Camp. They have Online Registration,
 as their phone service can be difficult.

**JOIN US FOR OUR
70TH BIRTHDAY
Celebration**

07 NOVEMBER, 2026

9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
 49504 HIGHWAY
 244, LA GRANDE, OR 97850

CAMP ELKANAH

Camp Elkanah
 is having a
**70th Birthday
 Celebration**
 starting at
 1 pm, on Sat.,
 November 7th.



Halloween Outreach Event

We Need Your Help!



Once again, we will be hosting our annual Halloween Miniature Golf and Chilidog Feed Outreach to coincide with the Downtown Trick or Treat Event. The 31st is on a Saturday this year, so we have some extra time to set up and tear down everything. Trick-or-treating downtown will be from 4-6 pm. And we will be serving from 5-7 pm.

Here's the schedule:

Friday the 30th, 5:30 pm: Pizza and set up the miniature golf course throughout the church building.

Saturday the 31st, 3:30 pm: We need a few people to be in front of People Helping People to pass out candy and fliers and invite folks to our event.

4:30 pm: Help in the kitchen with preparing and serving dinner for our guests. We could also use a couple of people helping to direct mini golf traffic.

Sunday the 1st of November, right after the service: All Saints are invited to stay after church for a quick chili and sandwich lunch, and then clean up and put away the miniature golf stuff, it shouldn't take very long.

This is always a lot of fun and a great time to get to know people, both our church family while we get ready, and people from the community who come to eat and play. Questions? I probably have an answer (or I'll make one up=).

Serving Him Together,

Pastor Karl

Church Family Picnic

We had a great time up at Forrest & Sue's home with lots of great food. Burgers, brats, salads, chips, desserts, including a home-made cake. It was so nice and relaxing, watching the ducks swimming in the pond, chickens, and the friendly, mannerly dogs and kids. There were some fun games to enjoy, but mostly we enjoyed feasting and each other's company.

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Psalm 19

In Psalm 1, the poet paints a picture of a tree that is planted by streams of water, its roots receiving nourishment from God's word. The psalmist meditates on the law—the word—of the Lord day and night. And the result is rich growth and beautiful prosperity. How deeply do you engage with God's word? Or consider this metaphor: If God's word is food, which is what Peter and Paul both allude to (1 Cor. 3:1–2; 1 Pet. 2:2), what type of meal are you eating? Is your daily Bible reading like a quick snack in the morning? Do you use the Bible like a Google search for a good recipe or a quick life hack? Do you ingest enough to merely fill in the blanks for the Bible study you are part of so no one will look at you judgingly? (Empty-blank shame is real!) My point is that even though not all are called to go to seminary or to learn Greek and Hebrew to impressively exegete obscure passages, God still tells us that the key to our growth and flourishing is to drink deeply of his word! Let it be more than a pick-me-up on a hard day. And don't turn only to the popular passages in the Bible such as Romans 8:28 and 1 Corinthians 13. Read it as a whole. Every portion of the Bible is breathed out by God and is profitable (2 Tim. 3:16). God has revealed himself through his word, and it is the ultimate source to get to know him. All Scripture tells us an important part of the story of God—our story as a redeemed people! When we neglect to drink deeply from the word, we neglect our own health. We deny our spiritual selves the nourishment we need for the tasks before us. We weaken ourselves to the sin of the world that so easily entangles us. And maybe most importantly, we forget who God is and how to revere him. Consider the words of **Psalm 19**:

***The law of the LORD is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure,
making wise the simple;
the precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is pure,
enlightening the eyes;
the fear of the LORD is clean,
enduring forever;
the rules of the LORD are true,
and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.
Moreover, by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward. (Ps. 19:7–11)***

Need refreshment? Searching for wisdom or joy? Seeking stability amid life's trials? Go to God's word. His words are sweeter and more valuable than anything else. Search the Scriptures for the treasure that is your Savior. Pray that he would give you a love for his word. And until that love develops in your heart, read it anyway—Laura Story from Crossways. (Submitted by F.S.)



October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 5-7 pm Community Dinner: 6p Celebrate Recovery	2 9 am First Friday Ladies Breakfast at Truck Corral	3
4 9 am Prayer & Sunday School 10 am Worship, Children Church & Nursery	5 6 pm Men's Bible Study 6 pm Ladies' Bible Study	6 10:30 a-1:30 p CBC Serves At Senior Center 3-4 pm Ladies' Bible Study	7	8 5-7 pm Community Dinner: 6 p Celebrate Recovery	9	10 10 a-3 p Camp Elkanah Fall Work Day
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25 9 am Prayer/SS 10 am Worship, Children Church & Nursery 3Q Business Meeting	26 6 pm Men's Bible Study 6 pm Ladies' Bible Study	27 3-4 pm Ladies' Bible Study	28	29 5-7 pm Community Dinner: 6 p Celebrate Recovery	30 5:30pm Pizza & Golf set up	31 4-6 pm Town Trick or Treat 4:30 pm Kitchen help/prep/ golf monitors 5-7p Dinner & Mini Golf
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